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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Thursday, September 9th, 1937.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Wm. H. Wm. L.

Mr. Blakeman, Mr. Henderson also attended the meeting.

The Secretary presented to the Board a tabulation of bids received by Md. Training School for Boys for improvements to the water system at the Institution, as authorized by the General Assembly of Maryland at its Regular Session for the year 1937. There being an appropriation of \$25,000 included in the General Bond Issue of 1937 out of the Installment of August 15th, 1937.

The Board approved the awarding of contracts to the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company, in the amount of \$17,200, and the Baltimore Machine Works, in the amount of \$4,893.50, as set forth in letter of Maryland Training School for Boys, dated August 23rd, 1937.

The Board took up the question of the investment of money to the credit of the State Accident Fund in securities. The Comptroller and Treasurer were authorized to look into the situation with a view to making the necessary purchase of securities for the State Accident Fund.

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of the taking over of Cheltenham School for Boys, as set forth in Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1937. Mr. Henderson was requested to have the State Law Department look after any legal details necessary in connection with the acquisition of the property by the State.

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as the original*

The Secretary submitted a statement of allocation of amounts included in the 1938 and 1939 budgets for salary restorations, and statement of proposed salary restorations to be made from Special Fund receipts.

The statement was approved by the Board. The amount allowed to the University of Maryland for the several Schools, University Hospital, and including the State Department of Forestry was \$60,000 for each of the years 1938 and 1939.

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The Board took up the question of applications made by State Institutions to the Public Works Administration for Grants in connection with construction work as authorized by Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1937, providing for the General Bond Issue of 1937. This matter was discussed very fully by all present. The Grants available

* - The Board made a further allocation of \$275.00 for each of the fiscal years 1938 and 1939 to take care of restoration of salaries of charwomen working in the State Buildings at Annapolis.

definite plans and as soon as more definite data is available a further resolution will be presented for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ora A. Darling, MDD
Superintendent.

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The Board approved the work proposed in the foregoing letter.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a copy of letter addressed by Mr. Elmer E. Hammond, State Engineer, to Mr. Walter R. Rudy, Automobile Commissioner, relative to the overloaded condition of the balcony at the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Mr. Blakeman said he was looking into the question to find out whether savings could be effected in the budget of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to provide the necessary funds to cover the cost of work of reinforcing the structure.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter written by Mr. Robert L. Swain, Secretary, Maryland Board of Pharmacy, dated July 30th, 1937, relative to the disposition of the balance to the credit of the Pharmacy Board at September 30th, 1936.

The Board gave the matter due consideration and decided there was nothing else to do under the law except approve the reversion of the balance at September 30th, 1936.

The Secretary read to the Board a letter addressed to it by Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, calling attention to the fact that in the 1938-1939 budget there are some instances where persons receive salaries which are payable out of budget items listed under the heading of Expenses. Attention was called to Sections 5 and 7 of the new budget law. Mr. Blakeman recommended that approval be granted for the continuation of the payment of these salaries from items heretofore rather than have budget amendments approved transferring the amounts necessary to pay these salaries from expense items to salary items.

The Board was of the opinion that all salary items should clearly show under the heading of Salaries of Budgets, and that any amendments necessary to make transfers from expense items to salary items should be effected.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O'Meluskey
Secretary.

to the Institution from the Public Works Administration are based on projects costing amounts which show the State's appropriation as representing 55% of the cost of the construction, the remaining 45% to represent the grants to be received from the Federal Government. Mr. Roszel Thomsen, Attorney for Morgan College, appeared before the Board in the interest of proposed construction work at that Institution, in connection with which there is an appropriation from the State to the Trustees of Morgan College out of the General Bond Issue of 1937 of \$100,000. available from the Issue of February 15th, 1938.

After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to ask the Attorney General for advice as to its right in connection with the approval of contracts for the construction at Morgan College and at State Institutions. The Board was desirous of knowing whether it had authority to approve contracts calling for the expenditure of amounts in excess of the amounts appropriated to the Several Institutions in chapter 487 of the Acts of 1937, and also whether there was any possible way for the State to make available, in advance of the dates on which Installments of the Loan are to be made and out of which money for the construction work at the State Institution is to become available, money to take care of the cost of construction in the meantime.

Information had been received from the Public Works Administration that the Grants to come from the Federal Government were made on the basis that construction work would start promptly, and that unless work were started within about sixty days there was a possibility of the Grants being withdrawn. Mr. Henderson said he would go into the matter very thoroughly and advise the Board as promptly as possible. The Board suggested that Mr. Thomsen confer with Mr. Henderson in connection with the situation regarding the appropriation to Morgan College.

The following letter dated September 6th, from the University of Maryland, was read and considered -

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
COLLEGE PARK

September 6th, 1937.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

The Board of Regents of the University of Maryland has approved the use of the following construction and land fund balances as the University's share of the cost of completing the Animal Industries group of buildings under a W.P.A. project. This action, is of course, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works.

1933 Account

Dormitory for Women "B"	\$ 986.56	
Purchase of Land	<u>3,130.81</u>	
		\$4,117.37

The balance in this account in excess of \$3,130.81 has already been allotted to this project.

1935 Account

Equipment, Roads, Walks &	5,021.95	
Campus Improvements	20.00	
Equipment, -Central Heat Plant	<u>5,041.95</u>	
		<u>\$9,159.32</u>

It will be appreciated if you will place this before the Board of Public Works for action.

Yours very truly,

/s/ H. T. Casbarian,
Comptroller.

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The Board approved the request contained in the foregoing letter.

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The following letter from Dr. J. Hall Pleasants, Chairman, Exhibition Committee of the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Celebration was read and considered -

UNITED STATES COMMISSION

For the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary
of the Birth of CHARLES CARROLL OF
CARROLLTON

1737 - 1937

September 8, 1937.

The Board of Public Works,
Room 1003,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Attention: Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker.

Gentlemen:-

As you are aware, Congress has made an appropriation to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Birth of Charles Carroll of Carrollton and President Roosevelt has appointed a Commission, of which General Clinton L. Riggs is Chairman, for the purpose of appropriately commemorating this event.

An important part of this celebration will be an exhibition to be held at the Baltimore Museum of Art, from September 19th to October 30th, of portraits, engravings, furniture, documents and other things pertaining to Carroll. The Committee having this exhibition in charge, of which I am Chairman, is especially anxious to secure a loan from the State of the large portrait of Charles Carroll of Carrollton by Thomas Sully, which hangs in the hall of the State House near the entrance to the old Senate Chamber.

The Committee respectfully requests that the Board or Public Works will allow it to secure this portrait for exhibition. If such permission is granted the Committee would like to obtain the painting the afternoon of Thursday, September 9th, as it is important to arrange the articles to be exhibited immediately.

We understand that the painting in question is insured for \$25,000 and we will be very glad to defray the cost of such additional insurance as may be required to cover any possible damage to the painting from the time it leaves the State House until its return. It will be carefully moved by Graham's Storage Warehouse Company, of Baltimore, who handle the transportation of valuable paintings for the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Trusting that the Board of Public Works will grant the loan of this portrait, I am

Respectfully yours,

/s/ J. Hall Pleasants,
Chairman
Exhibition Committee.

The Board approved the loan of the portrait as set forth in the foregoing letter.

The following letter dated September 9th, from the State Roads Commission, was read and considered -

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

September 9, 1937.

To the Honorable Members of
The Board of Public Works,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sirs:

This Commission, from time to time beginning August 1, 1936, until the present date, has made application to your Honorable Board for the allotment of funds to be used in rebuilding or reconstructing bridge structures and other road appurtenances damaged by flood waters.

These requests have been made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 83, Special Session of 1936, and Chapter 15, Special Session of 1937, authorizing the issuance of \$1,500,000 of State Bonds for flood damage repairs.

On June 6, 1937, the Commission requested specifically that funds be reserved and allocated from the proceeds of the sale of this Issue, for the following purposes, the respective amounts being subject to overruns or underruns at the completion of the construction:

State's Share (Estimated) of constructing a bridge across the Potomac River at Shepherdstown,	\$ 87,500.00
State's Share (Estimated) of constructing a bridge at Harper's Ferry,	292,500.00
State's Share (Estimated) of constructing a bridge at Point of Rocks,	128,250.00
State's Share (Estimated) of constructing a bridge at Keyser-McCool	38,750.00
State's Share (Estimated) of constructing a bridge at Hancock,	260,000.00
State's Share (Estimated) of constructing a bridge over the Savage River at Savage,	60,000.00

Relying on surveys by the Engineering Departments, the Commission has determined that the list of projects shown above comprises the entire program of proposed construction to replace or construct projects which were damaged by flood waters of 1936, and therefore asks the approval of all the requests made to you from time to time and now before you for consideration, for application of funds from this source to rebuild or correct damages caused to roads and bridge structures or appurtenances, and resulting from flood conditions occurring in other years.

I am directed by the Commission to forward this letter to you for consideration at your meeting to be held September 9th, 1937.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Steuart,
Secretary.

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c.c. Mr. W. H. Blakeman

The Board approved the projects outlined in the foregoing letter and decided that out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds of the Emergency Reconstruction Bond Issue of 1936 the sum of \$1,000,000 should be reserved to take care of any possible cases other than the projects listed above totaling \$867,000 until such time as it is definitely known that there will be no further expenses incurred on account of the 1936 Flood damage.

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The Board also approved the following projects for payment out of the Emergency Reconstruction Bond Issue of 1936 -

Costs to repair damage to roads on State System to July 31, 1937	\$60,931.10
Costs to repair damage to roads on County Systems to June 30, 1937	19,916.16
Bridge over St. Clement's Creek.	21,229.57
Bridge at Powellsville, and Dam	15,000.00
Bridge at Mouldy Run	16,268.34
Bridge at Leonard's Mill	45,000.00
Bridge at Faulkner Branch	14,860.00
Bridge at Hunting Creek	35,000.00
Bridge at Laurel Run	3,485.43
Bridge at Harper's Ferry, converting Railroad Bridge into Traffic Bridge	20,000.00
Bridge over Potomac River, on Bloomington to Luke Road, County System	38,500.00
Bridge Rights from Harper's Ferry Bridge Company	37,500.00
	<u>\$327,690.60</u>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.